

System Requirements

The minimum system requirements for operation of the Annual Report System are as follows. Note that if you are buying a new system, the recommended system has changed.

Minimum System Requirements:

- A Pentium 100 MHz or higher personal computer.
- At least 32 MB of memory (64 MB or more is strongly recommended).
- Microsoft Windows 95 or Windows NT 4.0 or higher.
- A high-density (1.44 MB) disk drive and CD ROM drive. (These drives come standard on most computers.)
- A minimum of 60 MB free hard disk space.
- An HP-compatible laser-jet or ink-jet printer with 300 dpi resolution (600 dpi is strongly recommended).
- Internet Web access.
- Internet E-mail account.

Recommended System:

The recommended system is based on systems that are easily available and affordable at most computer retailers. The more powerful the system, the faster it will run and the longer it should serve your needs.

- **A Pentium II or III 400 MHz** processor or faster (new retail systems typically come with 400 MHz – 500 MHz processors). The system will run faster and more reliably with a more powerful Central Processing Unit. The Windows operating system will also run much more efficiently in this environment than with the slower processor.
- **64 MB or more Random Access Memory (RAM).** More memory allows programs to run faster and minimizes the chance that the Annual Report System will interfere with or be interfered by operation of other programs on your system. Note that network software and other programs which are started and remain running in the background on your machine will use a significant portion of memory, and may require more than 32 MB of memory for successful operation of the Annual Report System.
- **Microsoft Windows 98 or Windows NT 4.0 or higher.** The Annual Report System will not run in a 16-bit Windows 3.1 environment; a 32-bit operating system is required.
- **A high-density (1.44 MB) disk drive.** This may be used for storing or making backups of annual report data.
- **A CD ROM drive,** recommended speed 8X or faster (new systems typically include 40X CD ROMs). A CD ROM is required for installing most “off the shelf” software.
- **Internet Web access.** This is required for downloading system software and upgrades.

- **Internet e-mail account.** This is required for rapid communication of enhancements, special instructions and filing your Annual Report. E-mail capable of sending attached files will be used to quickly and easily file your Annual Report with the PSC. E-mail capable of receiving attached program files is recommended for quicker response and provision of fixes to reported problems.
- **60 MB free hard disk space.** This is free space *after* the operating system has been installed, and will be used for installation of the system and storage of annual report data. New systems typically come with hard drives that are at least 4.3 GB; depending on your other needs, this should easily provide enough free space.
- **An HP laser-jet or ink-jet printer with 600 dpi resolution.** The Annual Report System is developed with this standard in mind. Other printers less than 600 dpi may produce grainy output and may give unpredictable results.
- **A 15-inch monitor with a resolution set at least at 800 x 600 pixels.** Monitors which are set at 640 x 480 pixels may not display all of the fields needed for input and make it difficult to complete the Annual Report. If you are concerned that operating at this resolution will be difficult to read, you may want to consider a 17 or 19-inch monitor.

Notes

The minimum system requirements are identified for those utilities which already have equipment in place and are trying to determine if the Annual Report System will operate on their existing computer(s). If the utility is purchasing new equipment, it is strongly recommended that the recommended system requirements be used rather than the minimums.

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